

“A Divine Encounter with a Crippled Nation”
Peter’s Second Sermon:
Why are you not saved?
Acts 3:11-26

Introduction:

Peter and John encounter a crippled man on the way to the temple. They healed him. The people are astonished. This sets off a firestorm of controversy.

Boice says that this particular miracle was important for two reasons.

1. It gave Peter a reason for his second sermon.
2. This miracle became the catalyst for the persecution of the church. Persecution spread the church out faster.

The Book of Acts is one big murder that got out of hand. After the death of Jesus, the religious rulers thought their problems with the new cult leader were over and now behind them.

Now, a worse tragedy had occurred, His followers are not only still around, they are using His name and His power to stir up the people. They had actually healed a man, too.

God uses this one miracle to stir up Jerusalem. He starts with this **crippled man**, then God moves to reach a **crippled nation** and then a **crippled world**.

The crippled man was healed! The nation was not so fortunate. God will begin to use persecution to send Christians scattering into the world with the gospel. The time to leave Jerusalem was fast approaching. Taking the gospel to the ends of the earth became the focus of the New Testament Church and the fulfillment of *The Great Commission*.

Verse 11: It's a great testimony to common people that they are the first to notice a movement of God. You will remember that Jesus often told people to not tell anyone when he healed them. Now, you're going to see the reason for that. As soon as the miracle of healing took place the amazement, the excitement, and the attraction to Peter and John became noticeable to everyone in Jerusalem. This is why miracles are so dangerous. People focus on the physical and forget the spiritual implications of the healing. If Jesus had healed openly and often, He would have been crucified before the appointed time.

Christian leaders often take credit for healings and the display of God's power. To do this is actually blasphemy and stealing the glory of God. If faith healers were persecuted for miracles today, we would see less miracles.

Verse 12: However, Peter takes full advantage of the attention that they had drawn from the crowds. This is what scripture means when it says to us that we are to be "instant in season and out." Always be prepared to share the gospel.

Verse 12 should shut down most of the charismatic preachers and TV evangelists that are in the healing business. You are not likely to hear Kenneth Copland take Acts 3:12 as his text.

Two things that you can count on from this healing. **First**, the healing did not take place because of the apostles power, and **second**, it was not any man's godliness that brought it to pass. Peter claimed no power or godliness for the healing.

This verse is Peter's introduction to his sermon. Let's go through this sermon and see how Peter lays out the truth.

Israel rejected their Messiah. Why?

Verse 13: **Greek** - "Disowned" – 3:13 ἀρνέομαι, "deny."

“To hand over” - **παρεδώκατε** – to deliver over, a legal and judicial term which came to be used as a technical term for Jesus’ passion.

- When Israel had the chance to reach up, take the hand of Jesus and be saved, they legally chose to give their Savior away. They legally ask Pilate to crucify Him. The Jews “handed Jesus over” to be crucified. The worst part is they did it in front of Pilate. If you reject or deny Jesus today you are doing the same.
- Peter and John tell all those at Solomon’s Colonnade that through Jesus’ name and power the crippled man was healed.

Yet, they would not come to Christ!! They denied Jesus at the most opportune time. Anytime you see or hear the names Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you should be reminded of all of the promises and covenants of the Old Testament in one statement. This trilogy of names has great significance to the Jews.

I do not understand why people disown Jesus or turn away from the greatest love that was ever offered to them.

Illustration: Give away some cash – no strings, no kidding Just come up and get it!! All it takes is a little humility, faith, and need.

- Why would anyone reject this great love?
- To add insult to injury, they not only rejected Christ, but they chose a criminal in his place. Sounds like the Biden administration working on immigration problems, v. 14.
- Jesus is described here as the Holy and Righteous One. The Holy One, The Holy One of God, The Holy One of Israel, The Holy One of Jacob, and The Holy and Righteous One (Only used here) are all unique terms for the Lord Jesus. These terms set Jesus apart as the Son of God, and alert the Jews listening, that the Man they killed was no ordinary Man. Peter is aware of this OT designation for Christ.

Job 6:10

10 Then I would still have this consolation —
my joy in unrelenting pain —
that I had not denied the words of the Holy One.
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Ps 16:10

10 because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
NIV

Prov 9:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
NIV

Isa 1:4

4 Ah, sinful nation,
a people loaded with guilt,
a brood of evildoers,
children given to corruption!
They have forsaken the Lord;
they have spurned the Holy One of Israel
and turned their backs on him.
NIV

Isa 12:6

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."
NIV

Isa 29:23

23 When they see among them their children,
the work of my hands,
they will keep my name holy;

they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob,
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

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Hos 11:12

12 Ephraim has surrounded me with lies,
the house of Israel with deceit.
And Judah is unruly against God,
even against the faithful Holy One.

NIV

Rev 16:5

"You are just in these judgments,
you who are and who were, the Holy One,
because you have so judged...

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Verse 15: The word for source is also translated as Prince or Author of life. The Greek phrase is “**archegon ‘ho zeos.**” This phrase is translated as Chief, Prince, First, Source, headwaters, or Author of life. The Greek word for **life** is **source** of life- not just span of life. Two words in the NT speak of life. **Bios** is span of life, which refers to our time on earth (Biology, biography). **Zoe** is the second word that refers to eternal or source of life. Jesus is spoken of as the (Zoe) eternal source of life. This is the same word that is in John 14:6 where Jesus says that He is the Way, the truth, and the (Source of) life. In other words, the eternal God came to earth as a God/Man and was killed by the Romans and Jews. He did not stay dead because He was, and is, the source of life.

The catch here is that God the Father raised Him from the dead. The One that was raised from the dead and the One that raised Him from the dead are the source and power of the crippled man’s healing.

Peter has now said twice that the Jews denied Jesus, and now he adds to it, that they killed Him.

Verse 16: This verse explains how a man can be saved. Faith is the way a person is made whole or sound. HCSB says **sound**. The word is **stereo**. This is *established*, strength, to make strong, solidify, and sure. Salvation fixes a person.

This is a great description of what happens at salvation. Peter also uses a word that is translated as perfect, health, or perfect soundness (**holokleria**). I love this. When Jesus saves a man, He heals all of Him. The mind, body, soul, and spirit are established.

There is no denying the change that takes place at salvation. Peter also says that the people saw the healing and they know it was true. “You saw it, and you know it to be true,” Peter says. Peter even goes one step farther by saying, “this happened in the presence of all of you.” HCSB says, “In front of all of you.” No change, no Christ.

The word **pistis** is used twice in this verse. This is the Greek word for **faith**. The truth of salvation is that we are saved by grace through faith. We must believe and then act on it. The Jews heard it, saw it, confirmed it, and experienced it; yet, they chose by their own volition to reject Jesus Christ as the Messiah. God worked through this rejection to bring salvation to the Gentiles by His sovereign choice. We have benefitted by their sovereign blindness so as to be given salvation by the grace of God (Romans 10-11).

Verse 17: Could it be Ignorance?

Notice that those who acted in **ignorance** were being given a chance to receive Christ. I believe that many of the religious groups that had Christ killed were listening.

However, ignorance is not an excuse. The Greek word is **mind** with the alpha privative. The mind (**agnoian from noeo**) means to perceive, comprehend, think, understand, or consider.

With the letter **a** prefixing this word, these definitions are the exact opposite- not to think, not to understand or perceive. This is ignorance. Biblically, there is no excuse for being ignorant of who Jesus really is. People without Christ are spiritually ignorant and can't do anything about it- 1 Cor 2:14. When truth is revealed to you, act on it with faith.

- The same opportunity is here right now! You can make excuses or receive Christ.
- Maybe they ignored all the prophecy. Maybe they were not given the Word.
- Maybe they think they have a good excuse. Matthew 25: 44ff. Let's call this latter day excuses.

Matt 25:44-46

44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Notice this, if the leaders miss the truth, the people will too.

God has made salvation available for millennia:

Matt 11:12-19

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15 He who has ears, let him hear.

16 "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

17 "'We played the flute for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners." ' But wisdom is proved right by her actions."

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Matthew 13:13ff, Acts 17:30 (Once excusable).

Did they miss the Messiah due to darkness and unbelief

Matt 13:10-17

10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

11 He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 13 This is why

I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

"'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear

with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

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Acts 17:30-31

30 In the past God **overlooked** such **ignorance**, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has **given proof** of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

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1 Timothy 1:13-14

¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in **ignorance** and **unbelief**. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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Verse 18: Was/is the Sacrifice Sufficient? Did God fulfill His Word through the prophets? Yes!

Verse 18 is the most damning evidence that convicts the sinner... that what God said beforehand was accomplished.

- The sacrifice is sufficient for all – efficient for those who trust Christ.
- God foretold what would happen; the prophecy was fulfilled.
- Christ, the Messiah, suffered.
- The righteous for the unrighteous.
- The perfect for the imperfect.

—What the Scripture says of Him is true.

The original says that what was foretold through the prophets was exactly what the people Peter was speaking to had seen. Today, we doubt what the Lord has said about *our* future. I promise you that Jesus is coming and that all the prophetic words in the book of Revelation will be fulfilled. Are you ready for his return? Have you made your eternity secure?

Greek: prokataggelo- to promise, predict, or to announce beforehand.

Christ is called the Messiah. God, through the mouth of the prophets promised that Christ would suffer for our sins and He did so. The OT is relevant because what good is fulfilled prophecy without a former prophetic word? There has to be a prophetic word given that is fulfilled at a later date for the sovereignty of God to be seen in fulfillment. God is the only sovereign God in the world that is able to predict the future because He is the planner and the creator of history... every moment of it. Christ is the interlocking of the ages. “The crucifixion compressed time” (A. Rogers).

Colossians 1:18-23

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the

gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Read: John 12:37-41 a perfect example of sovereignty and prophecy being directed by God.

A quote to explain Isaiah 53, and why the Jews rejected Jesus. Notice Isaiah 53:1 – Who has believed our report?

John 12:37-41

37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

"Lord, who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"
39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

40 "He has blinded their eyes
and deadened their hearts,
so they can neither see with their eyes,
nor understand with their hearts,
nor turn — and I would heal them."

41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.
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Isa 53:1

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Verse 19: I can't turn back. My Life of Sin is too much fun to leave?

Do people love the world more than God? Yes! People love fortune, fame, power, pleasure, and privilege. Sin is a big business.

Sin's "by-line" – "I satisfy." - It never satisfies. That's a lie.

Sin always leaves us empty and seeking something real.

James 1:13 ff: "Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires, he is dragged away and enticed – after desire has conceived it brings forth sin; sin when it is full blown, leads to death."

"Repent" - literally to turn away from, to change one's mind. (A. Imp. Shows urgency).

The Greek text is directional. Turn from→to. "Turn to God."

- Turn to God from idols not from idols to God. Turn to God for cleansing and He helps you with sanctification. The Hymn we love says it best. "Just as I am."

1 Thess 1:9-10

They tell how you **turned to God from idols** to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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Acts 20:21

21 I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

HCSB

Be converted or turn back- (AAImp), epistrepho: to come again. To come back where you started. To convert or turn around. Do this so your sins can be wiped out.

“Wiped out” – exaleipho: to obliterate, to wipe out, to cancel a debt. To smear or blot out. To obliterate, pardon, or erase. This is an aorist passive. Convert so your sins can be erased... not so you can erase them, but so they can be erased by another- Jesus.

“Times of refreshing” (anapsuxia) *Breathing space, cooling, relaxation, relief. Restoration of all things. Revival!

If there ever where nations that needed a fresh wind to blow, it was, and is, Israel and America.

* The world has no real satisfying life. True refreshing comes from Christ and repentance. This description of salvation and repentance is absolutely magnificent. What a great description of the health and renewal that Jesus gives. Repentance and faith in Jesus fixes everything. What a sermon Peter is preaching. All these great points in the face of Jewish opposition.

Acts 3:19

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

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What was it that needed to be obliterated and wiped out? Sin!!! Peter is not afraid to preach about the destruction and death that sin causes.

5704. Label it “Sin”

The late Dr. Jay Wilbur Chapman used to tell of a Methodist preacher who often spoke on the subject of sin. He minced no words, but defined sin as “that abominable thing that God hates.” A leader in his congregation came to him on one occasion and

urged him to cease using the ugly word. Said he: Dr. Blank, we wish you would not speak so plainly about sin. Our young people hearing you will be more likely to indulge in sin. Call it something else as 'inhibition' or 'error' or a 'mistake' or even 'a twist in our nature'." "I understand what you mean," the preacher remarked and going to his desk brought out a little bottle. "This bottle," he said, "contains strychnine. You will see that the red label here reads "Poison." Would you suggest that I change the label and paste one on it that says Wintergreen?" The more harmless the name, the more dangerous the dose will be.

—The Bible Friend

Friends, repentance is not a bad word. To live in God's presence, you must turn to God and forsake sin. "Turn back," the Word says. The word refreshing is **anapsuxis**. This refers to recovering one's breath and is most often translated as **revival**. Sometimes it is translated as *to be relieved, or to cool off*. Revival and repentance are inextricably connected. Real repentance insists of confessing one's sin and then forsaking it. (Special note: Some manuscripts add- "*that **seasons** of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*").

Verse 20: Was/Is Salvation Accessible

Verse 20 has a theological atom bomb in it. It is a very difficult idea to absorb.

The word is "**appointed**"- Perf Pass Part: It means to **choose for oneself. To select, to appoint, to officially designate.**

It may mean, or have the sense of, "to make one ready to act"- to put one in the state of readiness, indicating that Jesus has been put in a state of readiness to act as Messiah (for the Jews).

Note – Some theologians actually believe that this word and passage inferred that if the Jewish nation had accepted the

Gospel, then the Kingdom of God would have been established speedily on Earth (Rogers p. 235 in Loc)

The nation (The Crippled Nation) disowned and declined God's offer of Jesus as Messiah.

The Book of Acts records the process of the Gospel going from

—Jew to Gentile – 2 Races

—Jerusalem to Rome – 2 Places

—Peter to Paul – 2 People

“To send” – Literally to send out on a mission.

It was, and is, the mission of Jesus Christ to save men from their sins and to draw mankind into a relationship with God.

*** The Jewish nation chose to stay crippled: WHY?**

This text says Christ was appointed to forgive you. All you have to do is repent and turn to Christ. He is sitting on go. The ball is eternally in your court.

Illustration:

My dachshund, JB, loved to ride in the truck – How many times do you think it took for him to be told, “let's go,” before he was ready to go? None – he hears my keys rattle and beats me to the truck. He was sittin on go! Jesus has been appointed, now, for your salvation.

* Remember – The people who killed Jesus were being offered salvation. The ground at the cross is level. All are welcome, all may be saved.

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I **stand (waiting)** at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Verse 21: Was/Is it a Matter of Time?

What are you waiting for? When will you do it? Why not today? Why would you take the chance of dying before time runs out? He may also return before you make your choice.

Jesus is in Heaven waiting on God to give the order to get His children.

One day all the sin, pain, sickness, loss, hurt, and this troubled world will be “restored.”

Greek: “Restore” – apokatastasis. The restitution of a thing to its former condition. The Day of Judgement and the Consummation of the Age.

Not a restoration of the earth as it was, like JW's say, but a restoration of our inheritance, dominion, and the image of God that we lost at the fall: Our character and God's glory... The restoration of our dominion. This could happen at any time.

2 Peter 3:8-10

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

2 Corinthians 6:2

² For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.

Verse 22: Was/Is it Opportunity?

Have you had a chance? Has Israel had the chance?

Every book and prophet in the Old Testament spoke of Jesus.

Read Deuteronomy – 18:14-20

God promised to raise up a prophet. He did, and it culminated into the final Prophet – Christ.

Deut 18:14-20

¹⁴ The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so. ¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

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* The Prophets – The Word of God – they will condemn the world one day. We will not be able to say – we had no opportunity.

Verse 23: Was/Is it Apathy?

(Prep in compound) exolothreuo- extirpate, root out or exterminate, eradicate. Complete destruction. Destruction.

Do you see what is coming? If you do not listen to the prophet you will be destroyed utterly.

Revelation 18:4-8

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people,’

so that you will not share in her sins,

so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

5 for her sins are piled up to heaven,

and God has remembered her crimes.

6 Give back to her as she has given;

pay her back double for what she has done.

Mix her a double portion from her own cup.

7 Give her as much torture and grief

as the glory and luxury she gave herself.

In her heart she boasts,

‘I sit as queen.

I am not a widow,

I will never mourn.’

8 Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her:

death, mourning and famine.

She will be consumed by fire,

for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

The lost will be cutoff, cast out, and destroyed)

Why would anyone be apathetic or prideful about this?

Verse 24: Was/Is it Unbelief?

From Moses to Samuel and to the present– The events of their days were foretold. They actually came true in their day. Why would they not believe? Why would you not believe? The prophets of history have all had the same message. They saw the message fulfilled, why not believe?

In our day, we see the Bible come true! Why do people not come? They stay crippled as individuals and nations.

Verse 25-26: Was/Is it Pride?

The sons and daughters of the covenant and the sons and the daughters of the prophets had no idea who the Messiah was. The Jews thought they had salvation by inheritance or genealogy, but not so - The first will be last.

Matthew 3:7-10

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Pride will take more people to hell than any sin of which I know. Sin makes us vulnerable. Sin is an embarrassment. It's not culturally appropriate to be a sinner. We like to be seen as good people with all good morals. We are not even close.

Verse 26: People today love to have special privileges. But when they get special privilege they blow it. God raised up His Son

(Jesus) in their midst and sent the servant to them first, but they would not turn from their evil ways.

Remember the context – Peter is preaching to a crowd that was amazed at a healing. He claims to not have had anything to do with the power they had seen displayed. The Jesus you killed – He did it. Accept it!

Closing: Go to John 8:31-41- 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father."

39 "Abraham is our father," they answered.
"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the things your own father does."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you?

Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.
NIV (John 8:47)

Pride Blinded their Eyes

Is it ignorance? Was the sacrifice sufficient? Do people love the world too much? Is salvation accessible? Is it time? Opportunity? Apathy? Unbelief or Pride? Why are you waiting? Why are you not saved?